

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **VICE CHAIRMAN STEVE VICK**, on April 14, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Vick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. Peggy Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Rep. Stan Fisher (R)
Rep. Dick Haines (R)
Rep. Royal Johnson (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Red Menahan (D)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)
Rep. Lila Taylor (R)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)
Rep. John Witt (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary
Susan Fox, Legislative Services Division

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 534, 4/13/1999
Executive Action: SB 534

Comment

The hearing on SB 534 extended over the period of April 14 and April 15 with the meeting on April 14 recessing at 11:45 AM until 8:00 AM on April 15.

HEARING ON SB 534

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen Bob Keenan, SD 38, presented SB 534, which he described as a mental health care access plan.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 279}

Proponents' Testimony:

Kathy McGowan, Mental Health Centers

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 279 - 357}

Anita Roessman, Montana Advocacy Program

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 357 - Side : B;

Approx. Time Counter : 75}

Kip Smith, Montana Primary Care Association

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 75 - 131}

Laurie Ekanger, Director, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 131 - 267}

Donald Harr, Psychiatric Association, Montana Medical Association

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 267 - 333}

Andrea Merrill, Executive Director, Montana Mental Health Care Association

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 333 - 450}

Rep. Loren Soft

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 54}

Craig Littlefield, Children's Compensation Service

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 54 - 62}

Colleen Murphy, National Association of Social Workers

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 62 - 85}

Mona Jamison, Shodair Children's Hospital

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 85 - 114}

Brian Garrity, Mental Health Association

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 114 - 151}

Gloria Hermanson, Montana Psychological Association

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 151 - 162}

Gene Hair, Montana Board of Visitors

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 162 - 168}

Sen. Mignon Waterman

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 168 - 216; Comments :
Discussed amendments, Resisted Rep. Peck proposed amendment.}

Claudia Clifford, Insurance Commissioner, Healty Policy
Specialist

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 216 - 245}

Joan Nell Macfadden, Children's Advocate

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 245 - 266}

Bob Olson, Montana Hospital Association

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 266 - 323}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 323 - Tape : 3; Side
: A; Approx. Time Counter : 407}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 534

Motion: REP. COBB moved that SB 534 BE CONCURRED IN.

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Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 407 - Side : B;
Approx. Time Counter : 340}

Substitute Motion: REP. KASTEN made a substitute motion that HB
534 BE AMENDED to strike "not exclude" and insert "authorize" on
Page 16, Line 3.

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 340 - Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20}

Rep. Barnhart asked to segregate the amendments in Exhibit 1 with the first vote on items 1 through 5 and item 6 to be voted separately.

Vote: Motion on items 1 through 5 of the amendments **carried 11-2** with Cobb and Peck voting no.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20 - 28}

Motion/Vote: REP. BARNHART moved that the amendment (Exhibit 1) to HB 534 BE AMENDED by striking "as necessary". Motion on item 6 of the amendment as amended carried 12-1 with McCann voting no.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28 - 35}

Motion/Vote: REP. COBB moved that HB 534 BE AMENDED to include a termination date for Section 14 of July 1, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 35 - 73}

Motion: REP. KASTEN moved that HB 534 BE AMENDED **EXHIBIT** (aph81a02)

Discussion:

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 73 - 110}

Vote: Motion failed 9-9 by Roll Call Vote (#1).

Motion: REP. PECK moved that HB 534 BE AMENDED **EXHIBIT** (aph81a03)

Discussion:

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 110 - 381}

Vote: Motion failed 9-9 by Roll Call Vote #2.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 381 - 399; Comments : The committee recessed until 8 AM on 4/15/99.}

Motion: REP. BARNHART moved that HB 534 BE AMENDED **EXHIBIT** (aph81a04)

Discussion: Rep. Peck discussed an amendment (Exhibit 5). He declined to move that it be adopted saying Rep. Barnhart's amendment replaced it. **EXHIBIT** (aph81a05)

Discussion:

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 399 - Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 114}

Vote: Motion failed 10-5 with E. Bergsagel, P. Bergsagel, Fisher, Johnson, and Witt voting aye. (Reps. Buzzas, Quillici and Zook were absent and did not leave proxy votes.)

Motion/Vote: REP. KASTEN moved that SB 534 BE AMENDED to strike licensure and financial solvency and insert "licensure and financial solvency provisions of" on page 3, lines 27 and 28. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 114 - 140}

Motion: REP. KASTEN moved that SB 534 BE AMENDED on page 15, lines 27 through 29 to strike following "purposes" through "21."

Discussion:

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 140 - 414}

Vote: Motion carried 16-2 by Roll Call Vote #3.

Motion: REP. PECK moved that SB 534 BE AMENDED. **EXHIBIT** (aph81a06)

Discussion:

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8 - 50; Comments : The amendment was modified to remove the word, "consumer".}

Vote: Motion failed 5-13 by Roll Call Vote #4.

Discussion:

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 50 - 262}

Motion: REP. MENAHAN moved that SB 534 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

*{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 262 **EXHIBIT** (aph81a07)}*

Vote: Motion carried 13-5 by Roll Call Vote #5.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:10 A.M. April 15, 1999.

REP. STEVE VICK, Vice Chairman

JOANNE GUNDERSON, Secretary

SV/JG

EXHIBIT (aph81aad)